TRAVANCORE LEGISLTIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1107.

FRIDAY, THE 28TH KARKATAKAM, 1107/ 12TH AUGUST, 1932.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven fifteen of the Clock, on Friday, the 28th Karkatakam, 1107/12th August, 1932, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Assessment on wet lands in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

391. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the maximum assessment on double crop paddy lands in the taluks of Agastisvaram and Tovala ;

(*b*) the extent, in acres, of double crop paddy lands subject to the maximum assessment :

(*c*) the extent, in acres, of such lands below the maximum assessment but above Rs. 24 per acre ;

(*d*) the extent, in acres, of such lands that are assessed below Rs. 25 and above Rs. 19 per acre ; and

(*e*) the price of paddy per *Kotta* of 75 Madras *Puckas* in—

(i) Vaikasi 1107 ; and

(ii) Ani 1107 ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) to (*e*) A statement * containing the required particulars is laid on the table.

Amalgamation of the posts of the Melkanganam and Kandukrishi Tahsildars, Trivandrum.

392. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the posts of the Melkanganam Tahsildar and the Kandukrishi Tahsildar, Trivandrum, have been or are to be amalgamated and that Mr. R. Aundichandrasekhara Aiyar has been or is to be appointed to hold the combined office permanently or temporarily ;

(*b*) whether Mr. M. R. Padmanabha Pillai, B. A., B. L., who was acting as Kandukrishi Tahsildar has been or is to be ordered out ;

(*c*) whether Mr. M. R. Padmanabha Pillai was appointed to act as Kandukrishi Tahsildar, Trivandrum, from 2-1-1106 ;

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[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.]

(*d*) whether Mr. R. Aundichandrasekhara Aiyar was appointed to act as Melkanganam Tahsildar only as a temporary arrangement from 1-2-1106 ;

(*e*) whether Mr. M. R. Padmanabha Pillai has passed the Survey Examination as first in the State ;

(*f*) whether he has passed the Criminal Higher ;

(*g*) whether he is a graduate in law; and

(*h*) the qualifications of Mr. R. Aundichandrasekhara Aiyar?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The posts of the Melkanganam Tahsildar and the Kandukrishi Tahsildar, Trivandrum, have been amalgamated and Mr. Aundichandrasekhara Aiyar has been appointed to hold the combined office temporarily, without extra remuneration.

(*b*) No. Mr. M. R. Padmanabha Pillai, the present acting Kandukrishi Tahsildar has been ordered to be posted as an acting clerk on his original pay of Rs. 75-100 in the Division Cutcherry, Trivandrum, and to attend to the land acquisition references also in that capacity.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) English School Leaving Certificate Examination, Revenue Test A and B.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): It is stated in answer to part (*h*), that Mr. Aundichandrasekhara Aiyar has passed the English School Leaving Certificate Examination and Revenue Test A & B. May I know whether he has been preferred to the other gentleman who is a B.A. and B.L., who has passed the Criminal Higher and who stood first in the Survey Examination ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Mr. Aundichandrasekhara Aiyar is the senior in the gradation list and he has been acting as Melkanganam Tahsildar; and, the qualifications of Mr. Padmanabha Pillai are not necessary for the post.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Have the Government finally settled that Mr. Aundichandrasekhara Aiyar is senior to Mr. Padmanabha Pillai ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Seretary to Goverment*): As I stated the other day, the whole question is under examination by Government.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Has the Land Revenue Commissioner at any time written to Government that survey qualification is necessary for the post of Kandukrishi Tahsildar ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) ; No, so far as I am aware.

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